

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-11 and 27-30 will be pending.

In the Official Action, a restriction requirement is communicated under 35 U.S.C. § 121 either:

- I. Claims 1-16, 22-26; or
- II. Claims 17-21.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-16, 22-26 for prosecution in this application, without traverse. By the foregoing amendment, claims 12-26 have been cancelled. New claims 27-30 have been added. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the non-elected claims and deleted claims by way of a divisional/continuation application.

Accordingly, Applicant looks forward to receiving an early and favorable action on the merits. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response or the application in general, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (540) 361-1863.

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